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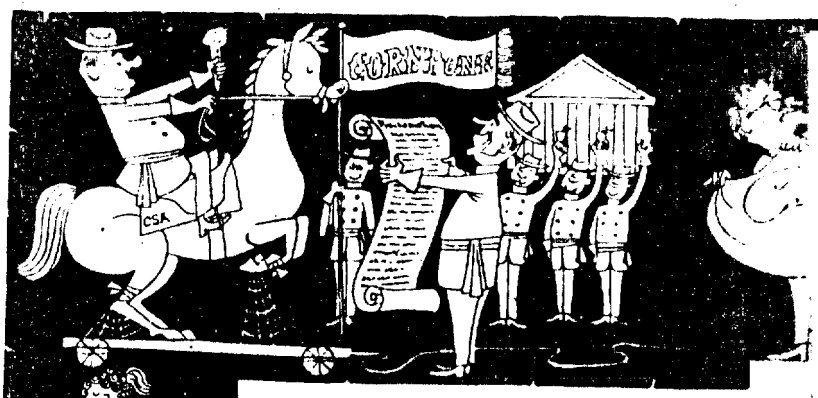

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By WALLACE CARROLL

JANUARY

19 Robert E. Lee's birthday. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, House Republican leader, rekindles eternal flame at Lee Mansion, Arlington, Va. Around him gather members of Southern Democratic-Northern Republican coalition, pledged to repulse Kennedy's legislative program. As juleps flow, Representative Howard W. Smith of Virginia delivers commission making Halleck honorary colonel, Cornpone's Brigade, C. S. A.

20 Kennedy is inaugurated. Norman Vincent Peale brings out his new book, "The Decline of Positive Thinking."

21 Khrushchev sends secret message challenging entire Kennedy family to friendly touch-football match. "As is known," he says, "Soviet people are very good sports. So let's get acquainted in a family game—all the Khrushchevs against all the Kennedys. Then you will know what we mean by peaceful coexistence."

FEBRUARY

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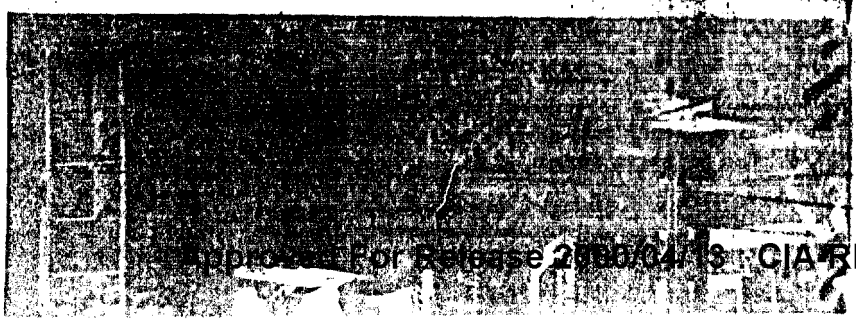

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By TILLMAN DURDIN

COMMUNIST China today is the absent giant—absent from the meetings that bring together the nations of East and West in the United Nations, in disarmament talks, in the world's main economic and social conferences. Whether she is more or less of a problem for the world because of this is a matter of controversy. What cannot be disputed is that each year she creates a growing impact on world affairs. Russia, no less than the United States, is discovering that dealing with this Asian colossus can be tedious, risky and supremely demanding.

In the eleven years the Communists have ruled continental China they have taken that ancient nation very far, very fast. With heavy industry getting priority, huge strides have been made toward turning China into a modern, industrialized state. There are now factories that produce great turbines, diesel locomotives, transistor radios, automobiles, machine tools and more textiles than any country in Europe.

Steel output is up to 18,000,000 tons a year, more than ten times the best production records before Communist rule and larger than the output of France. Output of coal, oil and other basic industrial items shows similar increases. Agricultural growth lags behind expansion in industry but, even so, farm yields are substantially higher than pre-Communist production.

Only the Soviet Union has a larger Army than Communist China's 2,500,000 regulars. The Red Chinese Air Force has at least 2,500 planes, 1,800 or more of which are jets. The Navy is small, but its submarines already roam widely in eastern seas. With Russian help, Communist China has begun to develop atomic energy and is believed capable of making atomic bombs within the next two years.

THE Chinese people have been organized into a collective way of life that has either forced or inspired them to a physical effort probably never before equaled on a national scale. By means of the recently established communes and other groupings, the activi... made subordinate to the interests of the state and the Communist party...